**English 3201 Macbeth Essay Test Review**

*1. Characterize the relationship between Macbeth and Lady Macbeth. If the main theme of Macbeth deals with ambition, whose ambition is the driving force of the play—Macbeth’s, Lady Macbeth’s, or both?*

*2. The supernatural plays an important role in Macbeth. To what extent does it motivate Macbeth's actions? To what extent is Macbeth responsible for the events which unfolded?*

**GROUP MEMBERS:**

***You will be assigned one of the preceding essay questions. As a group, create a detailed outline to answer your question.***

1. Write a thesis statement which answers the question and sets up the points you will argue in the essay (for a timed essay 3 main points is acceptable). Complete the rest of the introductory paragraph with details about the play that are relevant and set your reader up for the essay to follow. See notes on *Methods of Introduction.*

2. Write topic sentence 1:

Provide 2- 3 pieces of evidence from the play (direct quotes, summaries, symbols, ideas, motifs, etc to back up this point)

3. Write topic sentence 2:

Provide 2- 3 pieces of evidence from the play (direct quotes, summaries, symbols, ideas, motifs, etc to back up this point)

4. Write topic sentence 3:

Provide 2- 3 pieces of evidence from the play (direct quotes, summaries, symbols, ideas, motifs, etc to back up this point)

5. Write a full conclusion using the closing by return method (restate your thesis) and leave your reader with your final thoughts. This should be a full paragraph.

6. Use effective **transitional terms** (however, furthermore, next, etc) and pay close attention to your **pronoun reference**. This is a formal essay, so avoid the use of “I” - instead say “we” or “the reader” or “the audience.” Use **repetition** of key ideas and topic sentences (which repeat part of your thesis) to keep the reader on track. Ensure your writing is **parallel** (parallel structure) and there is logical flow to your ideas.

The Question

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The Thesis

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The Full Introduction (including the thesis)

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Topic Sentence 1 (connects to thesis)

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Evidence 1

Evidence 2

Evidence 3

Topic Sentence 2 (connects to thesis)

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Topic Sentence 3 (connects to thesis)

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Evidence 3

Conclusion (close by return)

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Underline evidence of transitional terms, matching pronoun reference, repetition and parallel structure in what you have written above…if you didn’t pay attention to these, go back and add them.